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Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.—Continued.

SMALLPOX.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Argentina:				
Buenos Ayres	Oct. 1-Oct. 31		3	
Belgium:				
Antwerp	Dec. 3-Dec. 16	9	7	
Bohemia:				
Prague	Dec. 3-Dec. 16	33		
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 4-Nov. 17		111	
England:				
London	Dec. 10-Dec. 16		1	
France:				
Marseilles	Nov. 1-Nov. 30		17	
Gibraltar	Dec. 4-Dec. 17	3	1	
Greece:				
Athens	Dec. 3-Dec. 16	10	2	
India:				
Bombay	Nov. 15-Dec. 5		39	
Italy:				
Milan	Dec. 17-Dec. 23	2		
Mexico:				
Vera Cruz	Dec. 22-Dec. 28		1	
Quebec:				
Kamouraska County	Aug. 18-Jan. 3	243	0	
Matone County	Dec. 16-Jan. 3	2	0	
Russia:				
Moscow	Nov. 26-Dec. 16	10	1	
Odessa	Dec. 3-Dec. 16	4	1	
St. Petersburg	Dec. 3-Dec. 16	31	5	
Warsaw	Nov. 26-Dec. 6		10	
Spain:				
Corunna	Dec. 10-Dec. 23	3	1	
Madrid	Dec. 3-Dec. 16		10	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore	Nov. 5-Nov. 18		4	
Turkey:				
Smyrna	Dec. 4-Dec. 10		1	

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Status of plague in Santos.

Plague in Santos.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *December 14, 1899.*

SIR: The state of plague at Santos is stationary. My last report stated that there were in the isolation hospital at Santos 15 patients, of whom 14 were ill of plague and 1 was suspected. Since then, there entered the hospital, on December 4, 1 patient, and there were discharged 2 patients (1 ill of plague and 1 suspicious case), and only 1 patient died.

However, the disease of the patient entered on the 4th has been now recognized as not plague, and consequently since November 27 up to December 12 no case has occurred. The hope that the plague may have been extinguished at Santos has unfortunately been destroyed by the fact that on the 12th instant a child, 7 years of age, was sent to the isolation hospital on account of illness, which is, without doubt, plague.

Therefore, the total number of patients is at present 14, of which 13 are ill of plague, 1 of another sickness. Of the plague patients 2 are in a bad state, 2 are in pretty fair condition, 3 are convalescent, and 6 are in good condition.

Therefore, the total result has been as follows: Without regard to the cases that occurred at the beginning and were not recognized, there have

been up to the present time 32 cases, of which 12 were fatal, 7 were cured and discharged, and 13 still remain under treatment.

At Sao Paulo there have appeared no new cases of plague.

Commercial intercourse with Portugal.

Commercial intercourse with Portugal has now been reopened. The Brazilian Government has given permission for the importation of merchandise from Portugal, with the exception of such as is generally recognized as being of a nature liable to convey infectious germs. However, all merchandise admitted has to be previously disinfected before leaving the respective Portuguese ports under observation of a special physician authorized by the Brazilian Government.

Steamship J. W. Taylor.

In regard to the cases of plague on board of the steamship *J. W. Taylor*, I beg to submit to your consideration the following statement of the United States vice-consul at Santos:

The *J. W. Taylor* arrived in Santos October 9. Hope, the steward, was sent to the hospital October 11 and discharged from there October 18 (the day the pest was officially declared to exist here).

The *Taylor* cleared from Santos October 23. Hope was ordered to the hospital by Lamport & Holt's visiting doctor, Dr. Moura Ribeiro, and was attended in the hospital by the same doctor, who happened to be the attending physician for the week Hope was there. Dr. Moura Ribeiro's hospital certificate states that Hope was suffering from eczema of the face and lips. Dr. Moura Ribeiro is also on the staff of the sanitary commission. When Hope, in company with Captain Waters of the *J. W. Taylor*, went to the agents of the Lamport & Holt line, Messrs. F. S. Hampshire & Co., to get a letter of admittance to the hospital, he stated he was suffering from syphilis, and the agents say he certainly looked as though he was. I have learned that this steward, Hope, died during the voyage.

State of health at Rio de Janeiro.

The state of health at Rio de Janeiro continues to be for the last three weeks about the same as previously reported. The smallpox epidemic still continues. There were during the last three weeks 53, 41, and 52 deaths from that disease. The number of cases of yellow fever is increasing and also that of deaths from this cause, but it is still far from being an epidemic. There occurred during the last three weeks 3, 7, and 8 deaths from yellow fever.

I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the weeks ended November 24 and December 1.

During the week ended November 24 there were 309 deaths from all causes, an increase of 27 as compared with the preceding week; 10 deaths from accesso pernicioso, an increase of 2; 3 deaths from yellow fever, none before; 53 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 3; 3 deaths from typhoid fever, an increase of 1; 1 death from beriberi, the same as before, and 52 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 18.

During the week ended December 1 there were 271 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 38 as compared with the preceding week; 7 deaths from accesso pernicioso, a decrease of 3; 7 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 4; 41 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 12; 6 deaths from typhoid fever, an increase of 3; 1 death from beriberi, the same as before, and 39 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 13.

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: December 1, bark *Oregon*, Norwegian, for Savannah. December 2, steamship *Buffon*, British, for New York; steamship *Handel*, British, for New York. December 7, barkentine, *White Wings*, American, for Baltimore. December 9, bark *Severn*, British. for Baltimore. December 11, steamship *Valleda*, British, for Baltimore. December 13, bark *Nova Lide*, Portuguese, for New Orleans.

Respectfully, W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, *November 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith my weekly report of transactions for the period ended November 25, 1899, and to inform you that during this time there were 83 deaths from all causes, 1 being from plague. There was also 1 death from diphtheria and 1 from enteric fever.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for the week ended November 25, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of cabin passengers.	Number of steerage passengers.	Number rejected.
Nov. 20	Br. ss. Chaugsha	Manila, P. I.	84	27	14	
Do	Br. ss. Saint Jerome (a)	New York, N. Y.	27			
Nov. 21	Br. ss. Moyune	do	40	1		
Do	Jap. ss. Idzumi Maru	Seattle, Wash	76	0	10	1
Nov. 22	Br. ss. Algoa	San Francisco, Cal.	79	1		
Nov. 23	U. S. bk. Saint James	New York. N. Y.	22	1		
Do	Br. ss. Diamante	Manila, P. I	82	19	6	
Nov. 24	Jap. ss. Karuga Maru	do	115	29	26	
Nov. 25	Br. ss. City of London	Tacoma, Wash	72	1	60	2

a Supplemental bill of health.

COLOMBIA.

Public health good in Cartagena.

CARTAGENA, *December 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the public health is satisfactory at this port. Notwithstanding the number of troops that have been garrisoned in and about this city on account of the existing revolution, no epidemic nor unusual sickness has appeared in this district.

Respectfully, AUG. T. HANABERGH,
United States Vice-Consul.

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